

Grand Opening Of Winter Park Saturday

Grand Ball, Sports, Contests, Exhibitions

Next Saturday and Sunday Grayling Winter Sports State Park will hold its grand opening for the season, with a dance on Saturday evening in the school gym, at which time the snow queen will be selected by several stars of the baseball diamond and newspaper men, who have been invited for the occasion.

On Sunday there will be a program of sports at the Winter park with a snowshoe race to be participated in by the baseball players.

Other attractions during the afternoon will be a skating exhibition by Michigan State champions fancy skating team; an exhibition of skiing by Alfred E. Orhm, only American-born Class A ski jumping champion; presentation of ski jackets to ball players by P. J. Hoffmaster, director of Michigan Department of Conservation; archery exhibition, fancy and trick shooting by Fred Bear and his World's champion archery team.

Also there will be saddle ski races. The elimination races for state champ will be held Feb. 2nd and 3rd.

There will be tobogganing and skating for all who wish.

Queen to be Chosen Saturday Night

The committee in charge of choosing the Winter Sports queen have selected nine young ladies who were suggested, and from among whom the queen to rule over this season's winter sports will be chosen. The others will be her court of honor. Misses Pauline Merrill, Norberta Weiss, June Morris, Natalie Peterson, Gloria MacNeven, Mary Jane Joseph, Elsie Mae LaMotte, Bonita DeLaMater and Ruth Burrows are the young ladies.

The selection will be made at the school gymnasium Saturday evening at the Queen's ball.

Famous Orchestra To Play for Queen's Ball

Highlighting the opening of Grayling's winter sports season will be the queen's ball to be held Saturday night at Grayling school gymnasium. For this occasion LeRoy Smith and his dance orchestra of 14 musical artists have been engaged. They come right from the French Casino of New York City, where they have been playing several years.

Besides this fine attraction another outstanding treat for those who attend the ball will be the presence, as guests, of 13 major league baseball stars. They will be here to select Grayling winter sports queen.

The charges for the ball will be \$1.00 per couple or single man and 50c for each extra lady. The ball will start at 9:30 p. m.

During the evening there will be a 15 minute broadcast direct from the gym floor over Michigan Radio Network.

THANKS FOR THE VOTES

I hereby desire to express my appreciation and thanks to all who voted for me at the Mac & Gidley contest closed just before Christmas. Also to thank Mr. McNamara for making this occasion possible and for his generosity.

Signed, Jerry Barber.

Gala Affair Marks Opening of Shoppenagons Inn Blue Room

The grand opening of Shoppenagons Inn Blue Room was held Saturday evening, December 30. A fine large crowd was in attendance.

The room was attractively decorated with baskets and vases of beautiful flowers, gifts from friends and business associates.

Each lady present was favored with a beautiful red rose, and the men were treated to cigars. Everyone reported as having had a very enjoyable time.

Sunday evening a gala crowd gathered to usher in the new year. Everyone present had the holiday spirit, and the room and those present were dressed in festive and gay attire, with colored paper hats worn by the guests.

At the midnight hour the room was a din with horns and noise makers of every description.

Dancing was enjoyed and the merry crowd extended happy felicitations and there was much handshaking and greeting.

Many messages and letters of congratulations and best wishes were received by Hostess Mrs. Cassidy, and others of the Inn staff, from absent friends on the opening of the new "Blue Room."

Jos. J. Royce, Pioneer, Passes Away

Joseph J. Royce, a pioneer of Crawford county, passed away at his home in South Branch township Friday following a short illness with pneumonia. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the family home with interment in Pioneer cemetery, and the deceased who was a member of the Roscommon Masonic lodge was buried with Masonic honors.

Mr. Royce was 82 years old and came to this county from Oakland county and located on a farm five miles from Roscommon. He had been supervisor, clerk and treasurer of his township. Five children survive.

"Star Spangled"

On Tuesday and Wednesday, January 16th and 17th, the play "Star Spangled" will be given at the High school auditorium. This play will be put on for the benefit of the High School Athletic Association and it is hoped that the auditorium will be filled both nights.

"Star Spangled" centers about a Polish widow and her four children: Gregory who is serving time in the Michigan City penitentiary. Vincent who is campaigning for a seat in the legislature. Stan a dumb ball player in the Texas League and Mary a night club entertainer.

The play is a 3-act comedy running about an hour and a half and is full of laughs. Next week's Avalanche will publish the cast of characters, time, price, etc.

Keep January 16th and 17th open in your date book.

CARD OF THANKS

Charlie McCarthy was the prize I worked for. Thank you for the votes that won it. Thank you, too, Mr. McNamara.

Sara Louise Smith.

17 Cases Appear On Circuit Court Calendar

COURT TO CONVENE NEXT TUESDAY

Crawford County Circuit court will convene next Tuesday, January 9th. Seventeen cases appear on the calendar.

Criminal Cases—J. A. Light, passing bad checks. Charles Glover, breaking and entering in the night time.

Harold Andrews, appeal from justice court. John Mahaney, Robert Mahaney and Wesley Straight, robbery armed.

The latter case is against the youngsters from in the vicinity of Kalkaska who held up and robbed Burke's service station and kidnapped the attendant, Everett Bidvia. It is believed that they will plead guilty, as they already have signed confessions. Straight is of juvenile age, jurisdiction in his case having been waived by the local juvenile court.

Non-Jury Civil Cases—The Central Union Corporation vs. School District No. 1 of Frederic, for assumption. Similar cases appear against the said respondent, by the First National Bank of Negaunee and by John G. Getz, Jr.

Chancery Cases—In the matter of the assignment for the benefit of Creditors of Marius Hanson, doing business as the Bank of Grayling, assignment. Clark & Henry are the attorneys.

Wiley Johnson vs. Bessie Johnson, divorce. Attorney Charles E. Moore is representing the defendant, and Merle F. Nellist the plaintiff.

In the matter of the assignment for the benefit of Creditors of Schweitzer & Co., assignment. Merle F. Nellist is the assignee. This case, like that of the Bank of Grayling assignment, has been appearing in the circuit court for many years.

Noel T. Goddoyne vs. Miles P. Walsh and Geraldine Walsh, partition suit. Merle F. Nellist represents the plaintiff and B. J. Tally the defendant.

Laura Gill vs. Eugene P. Gill, divorce. The plaintiff is represented by Merle F. Nellist.

Julia Burrows vs. George Burrows, divorce. John J. Donahue of Roscommon is representing the plaintiff and Charles E. Moore the respondent.

Paul E. Hendrickson vs. Beatrice A. Hendrickson, divorce. Attorney Chas. E. Moore represents the plaintiff.

Petitions for Naturalization have been filed by the following: Henry James Laughton, Anton Kangas and Dorothea Annie Josephine Worthey.

Sportsmen To Debate Winter Fishing

One of the main topics of the evening will be the question, "What effect will fishing have on summer fishing in the lakes?" when the monthly meeting of the Grayling Sportsmen's Club will be held on Jan. 9 at the Grange Hall.

This question has been discussed at previous meetings by other outdoor organizations and, apparently, little has been done on this matter. With the ice fishing getting under way now this question may arise again to the front by those who are in favor of having winter fishing curtailed in some manner while others wish to have it as it stands. This meeting will be open to any one who wishes to express their views on this question.

All members are asked to be present at this meeting. A vote will be taken regarding this club joining the Michigan United Conservation Clubs. This organization is contact every Michigan sportsman's club in an effort to unite in a solid front to improve and protect outdoor life in this state.

Meeting will be called at 8:00 o'clock Tuesday, January 9th. The place Grange Hall.

ENTERTAIN WITH WATCH PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hoesli entertained twelve friends at a New Year's Eve watch party Sunday evening.

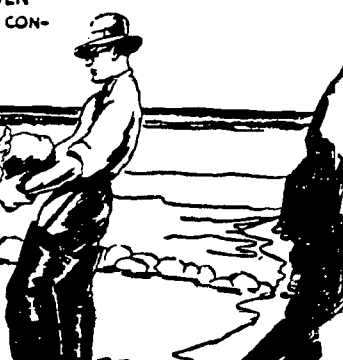
Three tables of bridge were in play at which Mrs. Roy Milnes and Mr. Emil Giegling held the high scores. At midnight the real fun started as 1939 faded out and 1940 was ushered in.

AMAZE A MINUTE

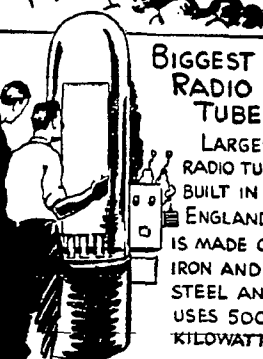
SCIENTIFACTS - BY ARNOLD

INCONSTANT SEA LEVEL!

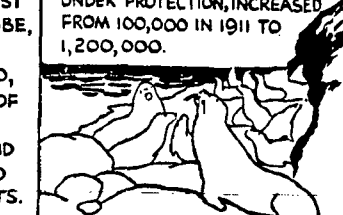
THE SEA LEVEL, EVEN CONSIDERING TIDES, VARIES CONSIDERABLY, WITHIN A YEAR DIFFERING BY AS MUCH AS FIVE FEET.



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Milford Moggo Victim Accidental Shooting

Milford Moggo, 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Straehly, was the victim of a shooting accident on New Year's day, and lies in Mercy Hospital in a critical condition, as the result.

The shooting occurred at the AuSable Gas station, operated by Fritz Heath, where Edward Martin, age 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Martin, was employed part time by Mr. Heath. According to the latter the gun, a .32 calibre automatic, was kept in the desk in the station loaded, but with the shell clip pulled partly out and with the safety on. Sheriff John A. Papendick and Deputy Sheriff George Stanley investigated the accident and Monday evening young Martin appearing before Prosecuting Attorney Merle F. Nellist stated that he was examining the gun when it went off accidentally, the bullet striking young Moggo.

The accident occurred at noon and the victim was hurried to Mercy Hospital where an operation was performed for removal of the bullet which had grazed his right arm and entered the abdomen passing through the liver.

Edward Martin attends Central State Teachers College and home for the holiday vacation had been employed by Mr. Heath to look after the station as he would not be there until later in the day. Young Moggo had done small chores for Mr. Heath and so spent much of his time around the station.

Prosecuting Attorney Nellist said that no charges would be placed against Martin, as Moggo when questioned said that the shooting was accidental.

Today Moggo's condition is reported as fair.

HOLDING HEALTH CLASSES IN FREDERIC AND GRAYLING

Measures for preventing communicable diseases will be explained at the Women's Health classes next Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 2 p. m. at Frederic Town Hall and at 7:30 p. m. at the Grayling High school. This lecture is sponsored by the local health department and the Michigan Department of Health.

Dr. Emily Ripka will lecture on the spread of contagious diseases, the value of the community of quarantine and isolation, and the importance of vaccination and immunization in infancy and early childhood. A moving picture on diphtheria will be shown. Dr. Ripka will also illustrate the home care which every patient with a contagious disease should be given. All women of the community are invited.

CHANGE IN HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

The games with Gaylord High school will be reversed. Gaylord will play at Grayling on January 5th. Grayling will appear at Gaylord on January 28th.

Because of the Winter Sports party on January 8th, the Boyne City game scheduled on that date will be played on Tuesday, January 9th.

This means two outstanding games at Grayling on January 5th and 8th. Plan to attend them.

Granger-Johnson

Miss Agda Johnson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Algot Johnson, chose New Year's Eve for her marriage to Mr. Howard Granger, son of Mr. Celia Granger. Grayling Lutheran church made a pretty setting for the nuptials in its yuletide decorations of greenery accented by baskets of chrysanthemums, gladioli and roses in pink and white.

The ceremony performed at 4:00 by the Rev. P. C. Stockholm, was witnessed by a host of friends. Miss Ingeborg Hanson played Lohengrin's wedding march as the bridal party proceeded to the altar of the church.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was lovely in a gown of exquisite white silk chiffon over white satin, fashioned with a sweetheart neckline. The sleeves were short and puffed, and the long skirt was made full with a shirred girde. She wore a tiara of flowers in her hair, silver slippers, and long white kid gloves. An arm bouquet of pink roses and pom poms and a three strand string of pearls, a gift from the groom completed her costume.

Mrs. Fred Lamm, sister of the groom, as matron of honor wore a floor length gown of royal blue satin. It was made on princess lines with puffed sleeves and a shirred bodice trimmed in American Beauty velvet ribbon. Mrs. Sigurd Johnson, sister-in-law of the bride and Mrs. Harley Russell, sister of the groom, wore the bridesmaids. Mrs. Johnson's gown was dusty baby blue taffeta, made with a snug fitting waistline, with the skirt made very full in the back, while Mrs. Russell wore fuchsia taffeta. Her gown was floor length made with a short bolero jacket with puffed sleeves. The skirt was caught with tiny light blue velvet bows. The attendants each wore corsages of sweet peas to complement their gowns.

Little George Granger Jr., nephew of the groom, served as ring bearer and carried the ring on a satin pillow. He was sweet in black velvet pants and white satin blouse.

Sigurd Johnson, brother of the bride, officiated as groomsman, while Robert Funck and Norman Butler served as ushers.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Johnson chose a gown of moss green silk crepe, while the groom's mother, Mrs. Granger, wore blue velvet. Mrs. Karl Hagman, maternal grandmother was in a blue silk crepe dress with silver trimming.

Following the ceremony a wedding dinner was served at Shoppenagons Inn for 35 guests, who included the bridal party and a few close friends. After a reception that was held later at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Granger left on a wedding trip to Chicago and other points.

Returning they will be at home to their friends at the home of the bride's parents until their new home located on Cedar street is ready for occupancy.

Both the bride and groom are known to most everyone in Grayling. Both are graduates of Grayling High school and Mrs. Granger attended Ferris Institute. The groom is a graduate of the Warner School of Pharmacy in

Sandusky and has held a position at the Mac & Gidley drug store since. Their hosts of friends extend congratulations and best wishes.

Kiwanians Hear Talk By School Nurse

Mrs. Maurice Gorman, Grayling school nurse, was the guest speaker at the Kiwanis club luncheon Wednesday. This was the first meeting of the year and was presided over by Farnham Matson, the new club president.

President Matson expressly emphasized that he desired that members make special effort to be regularly in attendance, and also that they not forget to wear their Kiwanis buttons. Fines will be imposed upon members coming in late and being without their buttons.

Mrs. Gorman, in her talk, thanked the Club and the Kiwanis auxiliary for assistance to our underprivileged children, and for making them happy with gifts and orders for clothing and dresses. Many of these children, she said, might have been unhappy except for the generosity of the clubs, as they received no other remembrances.

This year 78 children were cared for by the Club. 34 received checks for merchandise, 25 received toys and 19 girls received dresses made by the ladies of the Kiwanis auxiliary. "I am very sure," said Mrs. Gorman, "these were received with thankfulness and appreciation."

"In the Grayling school we have 115 pupils with physical defects such as bad teeth, tonsils and adenoids, heart and hernias. Some of the parents could have these defects corrected if they would. Others are financially unable, and since the afflicted and crippled children's aid has reduced their allotments to the canteens, only emergency cases can be met by their funds."

No dentist has been assigned by the Children's Fund of Michigan so this work has been at a standstill.

Mrs. Gorman also gave a resume of her duties in the school. It was a very interesting address and gave the Kiwanians a better understanding of what is being done by her for the good of Grayling schools and Grayling children.

GRAYLING DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, Jan. 7th.

9:30 a. m.—Sunday School.

11:00 a. m.—English Services.

2:30 p. m.—Congregational meeting in the church.

Thursday, January 11th

8:00 P. M.—Lutheran Junior Aid meets at the home of Mrs. A. L. Roberts.

P. C. Stockholm, Pastor.

MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Next Sunday Services


10:00 a. m.—Bible School.

11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship.

On Thursday, Jan. 25th, the Junior Ladies Aid will serve their annual chicken dinner.

H. W. Kuhlman, Pastor.

YOUR Golden



WINS TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP AGAIN

Chicago—For the second successive year, Edson A. Smith of Detroit has won the title of "World's Champion Truck Driver" by defeating the safest and most capable drivers of twenty states. He scored 87.6 out of a possible 100 in the finals of the National Truck-Rodeo held in Chicago recently under the auspices of the American Trucking Association.

Frank Steed, Georgia champion, placed second with a score of 83.4. Strange to say Steed was runner-up last year and repeated in holding second position. The drivers were required to guide their vehicles through all sorts of difficult situations and were penalized for violations of safety rules or for touching objects. The contest was close all the way. Each man handled his tractor-semi-trailer unit easily and quickly. One after another they backed into a space between two parked automobiles, with only 12 inches clearance on each side.

The Rodeo also included precautions taken in night driving such as the placing of flares, etc. It was staged in the huge parking lot of Soldiers Field, Chicago. Handsome trophies were awarded the winning drivers.

An Open Letter

To The Editor:

Once again the people of all nations have celebrated the greatest of all birthdays, and the holidays have come to a close. For the past several weeks churches, schools, lodges, clubs and all other charitable institutions have been busy soliciting that they might give one square meal to that one third of our under-nourished population, and also a few pieces of second hand, ill-fitting clothing to cover the nakedness of that same number of people. Do not misunderstand me; I am not in any way condemning this method of giving at least one good meal a year; but let us try to find a permanent solution for this terrible condition.

Our learned statesmen in the legislative halls have failed completely in this matter, but we have reason to believe that the citizens of this great nation will solve this great question of want in the midst of plenty by the adoption of the Townsend Plan.

This great Christian American plan, and it's leader, have been criticized, slandered and abused in the past, but many who formerly opposed the plan, after careful study of its merits, are now very ardent supporters.

The Bell investigation was only one of many attempts to smear the Townsend Plan. No Congressman who sat with that committee can point with pride (but rather with shame) at the treatment given so good a man as Dr. Townsend, whose only thought was not of self, but sympathy for others.

The latest move to impede our progress was made by the National Association of Broadcasters.

The real issue was smoke-screened by taking in several others, but the facts are: it was the Townsend Plan they were after.

We are fast approaching another election day and all kinds of propaganda will find its way into your home. In fact, many pamphlets have already been placed in rural mail boxes, telling its readers that the transactions tax (as proposed under the Townsend Plan) is a per capita tax, and giving the figures as to what it would cost each person. The people can readily see that the transactions tax is not a per capita tax; but of course any kind of a set of figures can be set up to mislead people, just as you can get an architect to draw any kind of plans for a house. Another pre-election circular is also being sent out calling attention to the terrible conditions existing in Europe, and that we must keep out of war; but nothing was said about the terrible war that has been going on right here in the United States for the past ten years. A war against starvation, suffering, crime, poverty and unemployment. These are the things Americans are interested in, Mr. Congressman. We still believe in the old saying "Charity begins at home."

In one of the pamphlets was considerable pre-election sym-

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Brand New Buses Now In Service . . .

A fleet of brand new 25-passenger, semi-cruiser type of buses are now in operation on the Detroit-Sault Ste. Marie Division.

A Few Features

Engine in rear . . . well upholstered seats recline to three positions . . . exceptionally quiet and riding comfort assured . . . Ample lighting . . . Large enclosed baggage compartment.

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Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, January 4, 1917

Some of the state newspapers of last week contained an announcement of the death of Theodore Perry Manwaring, which occurred Wednesday, December 27, at the home of his son-in-law, Eugene Kennedy at Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Manwaring had been an invalid for some time and went there from his home in Ann Arbor, about five years ago to live with his daughter. Mr. Manwaring was at one time a resident of Grayling and will be remembered by our old residents.

The first large dancing party of the season was that of the Loyal Order of Moose when they entertained New Years night with their fifth annual ball. This was held at the Temple theatre, and the place was pretty with red and white crepe latticework draping in arches. There were fully ninety couples present. At about 11 o'clock the orchestra began the strains of the Missouri Waltz, and the dancers selected their partners for the prize waltz. Finally all the dancers except Leon LaMothe and Miss Catherine Clark and Gordon Chamberlain, and Miss Hulda Sivral left the floor, the former couple finally declared the winners of the contest.

Holger Hanson of the bank spent New Years with friends in Bay City.

Master Carl Hanson spent last week visiting relatives and friends in Johannesburg.

Misses Arvilla Tetu and Lucille McPhee are spending the week with friends at West Branch.

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Canfield have been enjoying a few days' visit from the latter's sister, Miss Floss Miller of Detroit.

Miss Bernadette Cassidy entertained Miss Marguerite Johnson of Rose City a number of days last week. Miss Johnson is a teacher in the kindergarten in the schools at Rose City.

Announcements have been received of the birth of a son, Robert Dwight, to Attorney and Mrs. Dwight E. Wilson of East Jordan on Christmas day. Mrs. Wilson is well known in Grayling, having taught the second grade of our school for a few years, and will be better known as Miss Genie Thompson.

B. E. Kline of Akron, Ohio and Wilfred Cohen of Detroit were guests at the Mrs. A. Kraus home over New Years.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McNeal was the scene of a

pretty New Year eve party when a small company gathered to watch the old year out and welcome in the new. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Carl England, and son Carl, Mr. Chrysler, Mrs. Carr and Miss Nora Nye.

Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Hanson were host and hostess at a large dinner party at Shoppenagons Inn, New Years day at 1 o'clock. There were sixty present and a delicious four course dinner was served. The tables for the diners were beautiful with large vases of pink and white carnations, which after the dinner were distributed to the ladies, while the gentlemen were given smokes. The guests included the members of the Hanson and Michelson families and the head employees of the Salling, Hanson Company and their wives.

Will Lauder returned Friday to M. A. C. Lansing, after a few days visit at his home here. Mr. Lauder plays in Roscoe's orchestra at Lansing, and it was necessary for him to return earlier on account of the orchestra having had many engagements booked during the holidays.

In honor of the two retiring county officers Judge Batterson and Clerk John J. Niederer, the members of the County Board of Supervisors, gave a dinner party at Shoppenagons Inn Wednesday evening. Dr. Palmer, on behalf of the County officers presented Mr. Niederer with a Masonic watch chain, and Glen Smith presented Mr. Batterson with a gold mounted pipe, that he might continue to smoke the pipe of friendly peace. For the Supervisors Mr. Smith presented Mr. Niederer with a gold watch chain, and Mr. Batterson with a gold pocket knife.

Frederic News (23 Years Ago)

A sleigh party went to John Malco's Saturday night. After games, music and lunch, all returned home saying it was a good place to go.

Wilbur Cochran's house burned to the ground Sunday. Nothing but one trunk which contained some deeds and other papers and \$30 were saved.

Mrs. Terhune's daughter, who has been very ill, is improving.

Mrs. H. L. Abrahams and son Morey are spending a few days in Detroit visiting.

A nice new gas lamp has been put up at the meat market. Makes things look fine.

HE HAD IT

Little Jones was holding forth at the club. "Yes," he said mysteriously, "he can command an audience with one single word. He can, if he so desires, keep a whole roomful of people attentive to his needs for hours on end. His voice, although by no means melodious, can penetrate the thickest walls. And that is not all. He can twist almost anybody round his little finger; in fact, women stop and kiss him unashamedly in the street."

"An amazing personality," put in one of his audience. "Who is he—a film star or author?"

"Neither," replied Jones. "Our baby!"

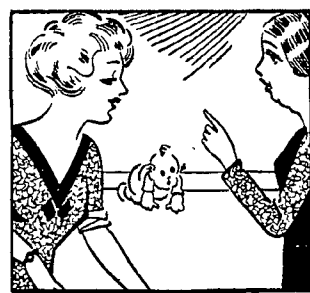
Has That Effect

"Some people thrust after fame, others after wealth, others after love," said the romantic young man, with a sigh.

The object of his affections was not in the same mood, however. "And there is something all people thirst after," she said.

"Yes?" asked the lover, eagerly. "Salt fish!" was the crushing reply.

NO POWDERED WORDS



Mrs. Multikids—Do you use baby talk on your child?

Mrs. Simon Pure—Never. We use only the purest English in speaking to him.

Lost Treasure

The professor had just received a title, and the reporter was trying to get some information from the great man's wife.

"And what," he asked, "is the professor's principal research?"

"Well," replied his sorely tried wife, "it consists principally in hunting for his spectacles."

His Opportunity

"The study of the occult sciences interests me very much," remarked the new boarder. "I love to explore the dark depths of the mysterious, to delve into regions of the unknown, and to—"

"Let me give you a little more of this stew, Mr. Smith?" interrupted the landlady.

Make 'Em Sound Proof

They were entertaining friends in their new house. Suddenly one of the guests sat up and listened.

"Surely you are not troubled by mice already?" she said.

"That's not mice," replied the householder. "That's the people next door eating celery."—Chelsea.

Oh Gee-ology!

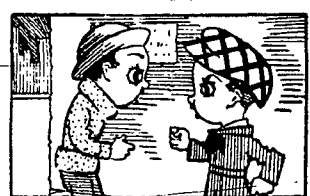
Sweet Young Tourist—Gracious! How'd those big rocks get here?

Sour Old Guide—Glaciers brought 'em here, ma'am.

S. Y. T.—Really? Where are the glaciers?

S. O. G.—Gone to git some more rocks, ma'am.

GOOD REASON



"No, I'm not afraid to fight; but if I get in a fight with you the whole street'll know it, and my mother, too!"

"How'll they know it?"

"They'll see the ambulance taking you home!"

A Welcome Guest

"I'm awfully glad you're going to take dinner with us."

"It's nice to hear you say so."

"Cause if you hadn't come there would have been just thirteen of us to sit down to the table and mamma is so superstitious she'd have made me wait."

Spoils the Fun

Mrs. De Style—I think a woman should put her best efforts in dress to please her husband.

Mr. Facts—I can't see where friend husband gets much joy out of it unless her father pays the bills.

Bad Grammar!

"Over there," said the host, "are my grandma's ashes."

"Oh," commiserated the guest. "She's passed on, eh?"

"No," said the host. "She's just too lazy to look for an ash tray."

Dizzy Dialogues.

Tuff—Listen, Bozo, that there means fight where I come from.

Tuffer—Awright, wise guy, why doncha start fightin'?

Tuff—On accounts I ain't where I come from.

Caught Up

"And when you eloped with the girl did her father follow you?"

"Did he?" said the young man. "He's living with us still!"

THE WAR IN EUROPE

Finland Torpedoes The Red Army

Aside from the remarkable military successes scored by the soldiers of Finland, little of importance has happened in the European war since the scuttling of the Admiral Graf Spee off the harbor of Montevideo.

The Russian Bear, ambling through Finland, found the going much tougher than expected. Having underrated the Finns, the Russians are now said to be preparing a larger force for a more serious effort to subdue opposition.

Before the beginning of the attack upon Finland, the world had an idea that the Red Army of Soviet Russia was a power to be reckoned with. This myth has been exploded by the campaign in Finland but it is too early to write off the Russian army as a failure.

The Balkan nations have taken heart from the events in Finland. There is less fear of an attack from Soviet Russia but full realization of what German leadership might do in a Balkan invasion. For the present, however, the Russian army must gain new prestige somewhere before being considered an effective fighting force.

Heroic Finns Arouse Admiration

Encouraging news from the Finnish battlefields should not lead anyone to forget that the Finns are fighting against terrific odds and that, regardless of successes now, they must almost inevitably yield to their superior foe unless greatly aided by other powers.

After several weeks fighting the Finns have scored tremendously. The Mannerheim line, on the Karelian peninsula, holds and many Russians, it is reported, have lost their lives in bitter fighting. To the north of Lake Ladoga no great Soviet advance has been recorded and there are stories of Red losses in this area as well.

The Soviet attempt to cut Finland in half, by invading midway between the Gulf of Finland and the Arctic has been defeated and no important Finnish city has fallen to the invaders. Strategic railroads in the "wasp waist" have not been cut and the Finnish forces continue their resistance.

In the Far North, where the open port of Petsamo is held by the invaders, Norwegian sources report a great Red retreat. It seems that the Russians advanced rapidly through barren lands, from which the retreated Finns had blasted all shelters. When it seemed that defeat faced the Finns on this front a blizzard swept the area and the Finns counter-attacked. With tanks and armored cars stalled in the snow the Russians marched back faster than they had advanced.

Gathering Funds For Finnish Relief

The Avalanche, in common with many other newspapers, will accept contributions for relief of Finnish refugees. Everyone knows the need of this assistance by people of this nation.

No solicitation will be made for funds, but anyone wishing to do so may pay their money or send checks directly to this office. Funds are already coming in and we are sure our Grayling people

and neutral sources hinted of a rout.

More About The Sea Battle

The naval battle off the coast of South America continues to be discussed, particularly in naval and diplomatic quarters, but the average citizen seems to be intensely interested in the events of the engagement.

Thus, we call attention to the latest information from Montevideo, which indicates that the British cruiser Exeter, with 8-inch guns, was not put out of action in the early hours of the battle that began on Dec. 13th but continued in the fight until about 7:50 in the evening, or less than an hour before the Admiral Graf Spee entered Montevideo.

While the German raider is presumed to have been under orders not to seek a clash with other warships, the commander of the Graf Spee admitted that he fired the opening gun at the Exeter, which was escorting the French liner. As the British cruiser replied to the fire there appeared a smoke screen to the south, laid by the Ajax and Achilles, which were rushing into battle. The German commander had no way of knowing what was behind the smoke-screen.

In armament the Graf Spee had guns to fire a broadside that weighed 4,880 pounds while the combined weight of the broadside from the three cruisers was only 3,198 pounds. Using superior speed the cruisers ranged within 6,000 yards of the German ship, where their quick-firing six-inch guns could do effective work.

Naval experts wonder why the Graf Spee fled from the cruisers. Her six eleven-inch guns, fired 670 pound projectiles 27,300 yards, carried 3,000 yards further than the 8-inch guns of the Exeter and 5,000 yards further than the 6-inch guns of the Ajax and Achilles.

Whatever the reason for the flight of the pocket-battleship, the battle off Punta del Este exploded the myth of the invulnerability of the pocket-battleships. Before the fight it was said that only five warships in the combined British and French navies could catch and defeat the pocket-battleships. Afterwards, it appeared that almost any trio of cruisers could do the job.

Radio And Spies In War

Here are two items that lead to the conclusion that the present war in Europe has its novelties. From Germany comes reports of individuals sent to prison for listening to foreign radio broadcasts.

From Paris comes the news that a number of Nazi spies, who dropped by parachutes from German planes in the early part of the war, have been executed. Peasants have been asked to aid in capturing any spies who may land behind the lines by using parachutes.

will feel it a privilege to aid in this worthy cause.

CRAWFORD AVALANCHE SUPERMAN NOW APPEARING DAILY AND SUNDAY IN THE NEWS

Superman, the sensational adventurer from another planet, which was far advanced in civilization from the earth, has a thrilling series of episodes in store for readers of The Detroit News. Watch for his amazing feats of strength and courage in the color comic section Sundays, and in black and white, daily in The Detroit News.

Health & Hygiene

(Through the courtesy of The Detroit News, Children's Fund of Michigan and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation)

"Science always has its camp followers who clean up the scraps" says that splendid work, "Food and Life", just published as its yearbook by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The camp followers of nutrition are the quacks, the lauders and the advertisers of fake nostrums. They use technical language so fluently that sometimes they fool themselves.

Some of the more common types of quackery are listed as: "Health foods," advertised for various ills, real or imaginary. There is no such thing as a "health food" and no one food is essential to health or has unique health-giving properties. Nor is any one food "balanced" in the dietary sense. So-called "energy" foods are largely sold because of the popular misconception that one class of food releases vastly greater stores of energy than others.

The book stresses three general types of weight reducing products: (1) Those that speed up body processes so that food is burned faster, such as thyroid extract or dinitrophenol—drugs which are dangerous unless administered by a physician; (2) "Reducing" foods containing laxative salts or cathartics which remove water, not fat, from the body and (3) Food concentrates or supplements to be taken with a reducing diet or exercise. Actually, it is the reduced food intake or the additional exercise that removes extra poundage, not the dietary supplement.

The discovery that the body must have an adequate amount of minerals led the scientific camp followers to package and purvey iron, iodine, calcium and other substances, says "Food and Life"—The truth is that genuine mineral deficiencies can be corrected by a well-rounded diet. Mineral supplements should be used only on the recommendation of a doctor or trained nutritionist.

Warning is issued that broad and indefinite claims for vitamin products should be distrusted. There is a legitimate place for vitamin concentrates but not a cure-all. Ordinary foods offer the best and cheapest source of these essentials.

Cures for "acid" stomach fill the shelves and litter the counters of the modern drug stores. The fact is that all stomachs are normally acid or they could not digest food. Remedies for "acidosis" are widely advertised for self-administration despite the fact that this is a relatively rare condition of the blood which can be treated only by a skillful and experienced physician. Most widely-sold of all drugs and drug combinations are the "constipation cures." Yet constipation is but a symptom of a great variety of organic, functional and physical disorders. Each case of chronic constipation must be studied separately and be given its own prescription.

With Camera in Poland Unlike the peasants in most European countries who wear their bright costumes only on Sundays and holidays, the peasants of the Zakopane region of Poland wear their picturesque habit every day. To the artist and the tourist with a camera they are a never-ending delight.

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Daily

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1:46 p. m.

South Bound Buses

Daily

12:54 p. m.

12:43 a. m.

Ticket Office

Shoppenagons Inn

Phone 3561

BLUE GOOSE LINES

SHERIFF'S SALE

(Harwood-Bollinger Sale Sat., Feb. 10th)

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias, issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, to me directed and delivered, in favor of Willard Harwood against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of William Bollinger and Ruth Bollinger, I did, on the 18th day of September, A. D. 1939 levy upon and take all the right, title and interest of said William Bollinger and Ruth Bollinger in and to the following described real estate, situated in the County of Crawford—State of Michigan, to-wit:

All that certain piece and parcel of land situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, known and described as Lot 8 of Block 5 of Roffe's Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the recorded plat thereof.

All of which I shall expose for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, as the law directs at the front door of the Court-house in the City of Grayling (that being the building in which the Circuit Court for said county of Crawford, State of Michigan, is held) on Saturday, the 10th day of February, A. D. 1940 at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

John A. Papendick, Sheriff.

Marie F. Nellist, Attorney for Plaintiff.
—Dated December 27, 1939.
12-28-6

STATE OF MICHIGAN

(Estate of Louis Malonen)
The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

In the matter of the estate of Louis Malonen, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that two months from the 21st day of December, A. D. 1939, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the City of Grayling in said county, on or before the 2nd day of March, A. D. 1940 and that said claims will be heard by said court on Monday the 4th day of March, A. D. 1940, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated December 15, 1939.
Charles E. Moore,
12-21-4 Attorney for Plaintiff.
Judge of Probate.

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TRUTH about ADVERTISING

By CHARLES B. ROTH

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YOU have had the experience, haven't you, of going into some stores and asking for an advertised brand of goods, only to have the clerk hand you another brand and inform you, "But it's just as good."

Sometimes, to your regret, you bought the "just as good" item but sometimes you walked out of the store and searched until you found the merchandise you had asked for in the first place. When you got it you were satisfied.

You had confidence in the advertised goods, because you read in the honest pronouncements of the advertiser what you might expect his product to do for you. This gave you assurance. You bought because you had confidence.

But when that clerk palmed off something different on you, you had misgivings, you had doubts, you had fears, you had lack of confidence.

Maybe they were justified. Maybe they were not. It doesn't matter. The fact remains that advertising had invested the advertiser's goods with a confidence which made your buying a pleasant in place of a fearful duty.

Usually, but not always, these "just as good" goods are not as

good—they are inferior and the merchant sells them because they carry more profit for him. He does his level best to get rid of them, because it is more to his advantage to do so than it is to yours.

Many stores pay their salesman a commission for selling unknown and unadvertised goods, because the salesman would not sell them without some special inducement.

It is much better for you as a consumer to put your reliance absolutely in advertised goods and in stores which advertise, and to patronize both exclusively.

When a man advertises his goods and tells frankly and publicly what they will do for you, he seeks your patronage on the basis of actual value.

It may be that some manufacturers or merchants can offer just as good value in unknown or unadvertised goods. But the chances are ten to one that they can't—because advertising not only increases the distribution of goods, but at the same time increases the production, so that advertised goods cost less to make; hence, gives more to the buyer.

In the long run you get more for your money when you buy advertised goods. You get more in actual value. And also get more in that intangible value, known as confidence.

And confidence is one of the chief satisfactions of life.

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Charles Roth

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We'll say for example, that this property is priced at \$4,000. And we're willing to bet our last cent that the owner would gladly pay \$25 to make the sale, but still hesitates about paying the difference between these two ads AND REMEMBER this ad goes into over 800 homes each time it runs.

For best results, make your classified ads interesting. Our ad-taker will gladly help you prepare an interesting result-getting ad.

OUR SNAPSHOTS



**DOG AS
FOSTER MOTHER**

This collie's latest charge is a tiger-cub recently deserted by its mother. The cub is now eleven weeks old and quite at home with the dog. The photo was snapped at the zoo in Bristol, England.



Paul Sullivan, newest addition to the ranks of the Columbia network's newsmen, broadcasts current events six nights a week in forty cities. His war experience includes several broadcasts from London shortly after hostilities began. See your local listings for the exact time of Sullivan's broadcasts.



**YOUNGEST
NEWSCASTER**

Ann Sheridan, the oomph girl, takes to the ice—yo-ho! Skaters, here's a partner who will increase any man's speed.



SHOW GOES ON—

Though painfully burned as the result of defective wiring in a hairdresser's equipment, Kate Smith refused to let her injuries keep her from her Friday show over CBS. Had she failed to get to the microphone, it would have spoiled a record of never having missed a scheduled broadcast in all of her years on the air.



Thirteen Year Old Led Successful Dairyman—Up at 5:30 a. m. each morning, Harry Prescott, Jr., of Worcester, Mass., is soon out in the barn feeding his goats even before he has had his own breakfast.

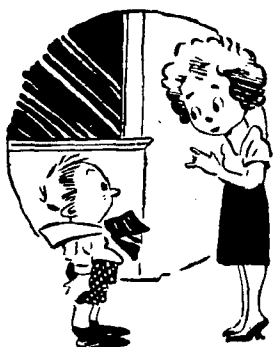
PUNNING NIMRODS

Two men were out shooting on the moors when a small animal darted across the path and disappeared in the undergrowth. "That looked like a stoat," remarked the first man. "I should say it was a weasel," said the other. "But a stoat is so weaselly distinguished," laughed the first. "Quite so," replied the second, "but a weasel is stoatally different."

Doubly Unfortunate

The vicar had received a couple of tickets for the opera from one of his parishioners. Finding that he was unable to go he rang up some friends and said: "An unfortunate dinner engagement keeps me from attending the opera tonight; could you use the tickets?" "We should be glad to do so," was the reply, "but we are your unfortunate hosts."—London Tit-Bits.

DIFFERENCE



Teacher—Now as to coal; what is the difference between egg and nut? Johnny—One is laid by a hen and the other by a squirrel.

Important Omission

"I want to return this book I bought yesterday, 'Stories for All Occasions,'" announced the irate customer. "What's wrong with it?" inquired the shop assistant. "Why, it's a fake; it's incomplete! There's nothing there for a man to tell his wife when he gets home at two o'clock in the morning."—Stray Stories.

That's Bad

"I understand your husband is a candidate for prison warden," remarked one of the neighbors to the politician's wife. "Yes, he is, but I don't think he is competent." "And why not?" "He leaves the door open half the time nights at home."—Portland Express.

Well Trained

They were engaged to be married, and he was proudly relating his former adventures in Africa. "I had to hack my way," said he, "through almost impenetrable jungle, chopping, slashing at thick undergrowth and trees—" "Oh, George!" said she. "You'll do fine when you have to weed the garden!"

Overtime

Little Dolly's father had been whitewashing the kitchen ceiling during the holidays, and she was much impressed. Next morning when she woke up she looked out of the window and saw the ground covered with snow. "O, mother," she said, "hasn't daddy been busy?"

THEME SONG



"Did Jimmy Bass sing at the musical?" "Yes, he sang 'Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep!'"

Parlor Ogre

Father—That young man of yours should be in the museum for living curiosities. She—Why, father! How can you say that? Father—Well, I noticed as I passed through the hall late last night that he had two heads on his shoulders.

Not Recognized

A concert was being held at the village schoolroom, and it came to Sandy's turn to give his bagpipes solo. When the applause had died down a voice from the back shouted, "Give us Annie Laurie, Sandy!" "What?" asked Sandy, surprised and flattered. "Again!"

Approval

"I hope your titled son-in-law will like you." "We're getting on," answered Mr. Cumrox, looking up from his check book. "He seems to think very well of my handwriting and the kind of cigars I smoke."

Anticipation

Mother-in-law—That's a cute little tree on the lawn, John. It's only a foot high. Son-in-law—Yes, I just planted it. I hope that the next time you come you'll be able to sit in its shade.—Boy's Life.

City Council Proceedings

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting held on the 4th day of December, A. D. 1939, Grayling, Mich.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Geo. Burke.

Councilmen present: Burke, Roberts, Milnes. Absent: Jensen and Sales.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Moved by Burke, supported by Roberts, that a dance permit for the Shoppenagons Inn cocktail bar, when properly submitted, be approved.

Yea: Milnes, Roberts, Burke. Absent: Sales, Jensen. Nay: None.

Moved by Roberts, supported by Burke, that the City of Grayling enter into a Mazda Lamp contract with the Graybar Electric Company, and that the City Manager be authorized to sign the contract in behalf of the City of Grayling.

Yea: Milnes, Roberts, Burke. Absent: Sales, Jensen. Nay: None.

Moved and supported that meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

George A. Granger,
City Manager.

The DEBUNKER By John Harvey Furbay, Ph.D.

ROOSTERS CAN LAY EGGS



The same rooster can be the father of chicks and later be the mother of others. This phenomenon of sex reversal has been studied by scientists, who have changed roosters to hens by changing the testes of the rooster, or by grafting in ovaries. Sometimes it happens in nature by a disease attacking the sex organs of the rooster. When they lose their "maleness," they become female. This is because every male is half female anyway, and possesses the female sex chromosome along with the male one in its hereditary make-up. (Public Ledger—WNU Service.)

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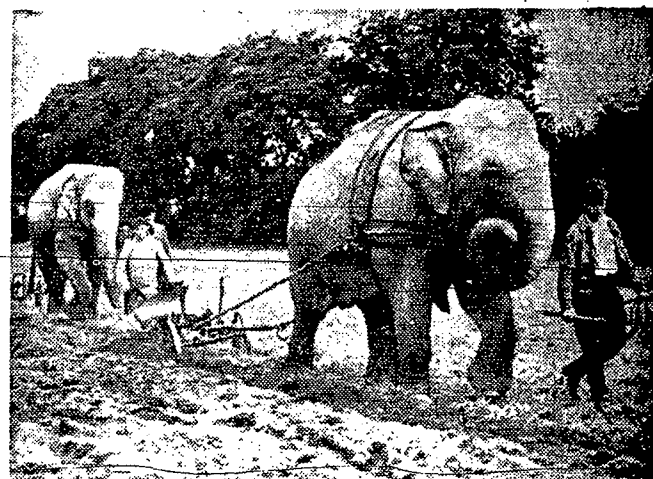
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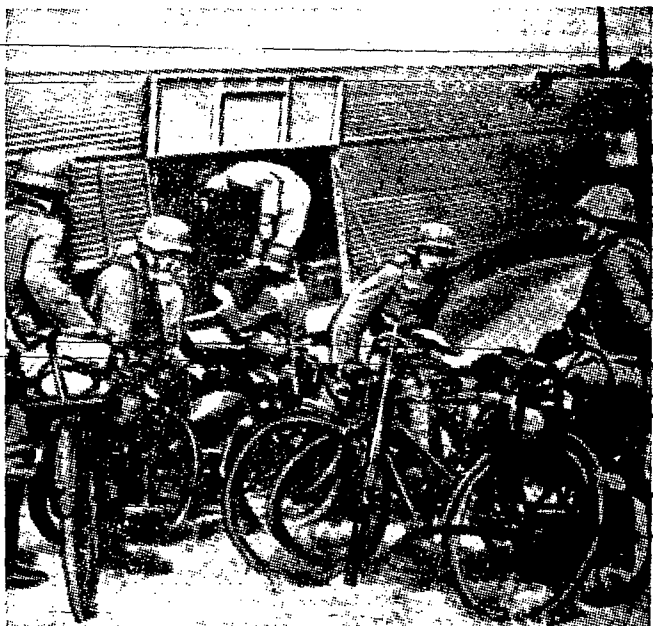
A picture made somewhere on the western front, at French field headquarters, showing tanks lined up for inspection by visitors who arrived in the cars shown to the left. This was the occasion for decorating tank crews for heroic work in the war.

Zoo Animals Must Earn Keep During War



This is a typical farm scene in Germany now. Elephants, camels and other show animals of the zoo that can be trained to do manual duties are being pressed into service to replace farm animals and machines needed in war service.

Germany Flies Cycle Infantry to Front

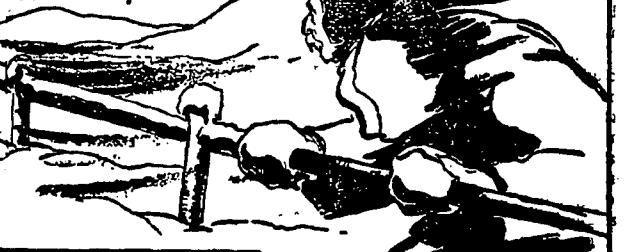


Men of a German bicycle infantry are shown unloading themselves and their wheels from an army transport plane that flew them within easy cycling distance of the fighting line. This photo was passed by the German censor.

AMAZE A MINUTE SCIENTIFACTS - BY ARNOLD

BLOWING AWAY A MAN—

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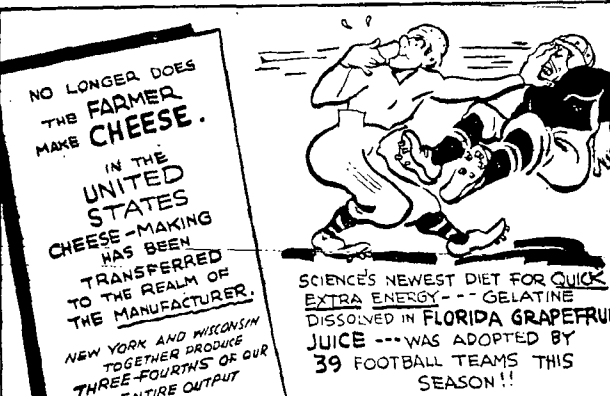


**A HARBOR
AT SEA—**
LOS ANGELES
IS BUILDING A HARBOR 3
MILES AT SEA, DREDGES
BUILDING A NEW SEA WALL.

**MAHOGANY
WOOD—**
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My Neighbor Says:

Never iron outing flannel, but brush it thoroughly. Brushing renews the softness and removes all lint.

In cooking anything with cheese, use a low temperature because intense heat makes cheese tough and stringy.

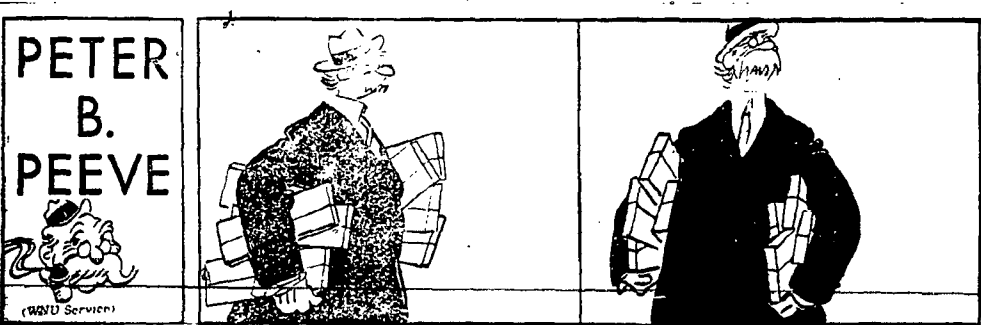
House palms should not be exposed to the direct rays of the sun nor should they be placed near a radiator.

Empty the vacuum cleaner into a large paper sack (saved from groceries). The sack can be discarded easily and the dust won't fly.

When washing dishes used for either raw or cooked fish, about two heaping teaspoonsful of baking soda added to the dish water will deodorize the dishes, dish water and dish cloth.

Broom holders, small hooks and screws, help to keep the household cleaning equipment in good working order. Hang up brooms, mops, dusters and cleaning brushes by attaching screws to the handles.

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LOCALS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1940

Mrs. Paul Lovely is feeling much improved after being ill for the past week.

Mrs. Fred Welsh is driving a brand new 1940, Buick 51 sport coupe, purchased of Jess Schoonover.

A son, Thomas, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Galvani, at Mercy Hospital Friday, December 29.

The Woman's Home Missionary society will meet at the home of Mrs. Hans L. Peterson Wednesday, January 10.

There will be a board of directors meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Friday, January 5, at 8 o'clock at the courthouse.

The Aid society of Michelson Memorial church will meet Friday afternoon, January 5th, at the home of Mrs. Frank Bond.

Mrs. Eva Wingard has resigned her position as librarian at the City Library and Alex Kochanowski will be the new librarian.

The Womans Club will meet Monday, January 8th, at 7:30 p. m. in the Kindergarten room at the school house. Mrs. Gothro is the hostess.

The Hospital Aid society will meet Tuesday, January 11, at the home of Mrs. C. G. Clippert with Mrs. Clippert and Mrs. Keyport at hostesses.

The I. O. O. F. lodge will hold their installation of officers Tuesday evening, January 9, at the Masonic Temple. All members are requested to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Millikin (Virginia Skingley) are the proud parents of a daughter, Connie Lou, born to them Saturday, December 30, at Mercy Hospital.

Officers of Grayling Winter Sports, Inc., are looking for the parties who broke into the equipment building Monday and stole a number of pairs of skis and snowshoes.

There will be a meeting of the Crawford County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis Thursday (tonight) Jan. 4th, at 8:00 o'clock at Norman Butler's residence.

There will be no January meeting of the Crawford County Health Unit. The February meeting will be held Tuesday, February 26, at the Grange Hall. The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Eight boys were guests of Victor Papendick Tuesday evening at a dinner and theatre party to celebrate his eighth birthday. The dining table was centered with a birthday cake guarded by four tall green-tapers.

Mrs. Russell Robertson left for Adams, Wis. Friday called by the sudden death of her 82 year old mother, Mrs. Josephine Polinka. Mrs. Polinka, who was the mother of thirteen children, all of whom survive, passed away at the home of a son on Dec. 28.

Jeanne Hanson is at home again from Munson Hospital, Traverse City, and getting along very nicely. She is able to go all day now without her cast, but must get back into it at night. All of Jeanne's friends are pulling for her to get well soon.

Charlotte Marie Hartin, born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hartin (Bessie Atwell) has the distinction of being the first child born in the county in the new year. The little girl, who weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces, arrived at 8:47 o'clock in the evening of New Year's day.

Mrs. Louis Kessler left Tuesday for Midland. She was accompanied by Lawrence and Jerome Kessler and their wives. In Midland Mrs. Kessler will join her brother W. A. Cassidy and together they will leave for Miami Beach, Florida, to spend the winter months.

Richard Barber celebrated his 9th birthday anniversary Saturday and his mother invited 19 boys and girls to be his guests at a theatre party. After the show they enjoyed goodies prepared by Richard's mother, Mrs. Foryst Barber, and each received a favor. Richard received many nice gifts.

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20% Off

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81 x 108 Cannon Sheets . . **98c**
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Ski Jackets
\$1.00

1/3 Off on Mens Silk or Wool Bath Robes

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The Quality Store

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The Grayling Township Health Unit will meet at the home of Mrs. Carl Nielsen Thursday, January 11.

Fire caused from a shortage in the electric wiring at the home of Sherman Neal called out the City Fire department Wednesday night at about 9:00 o'clock. The fire was confined to the basement and there was some damage to both building and contents, however the loss is covered by insurance.

Gary Hatfield, seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hatfield, fell through the ice into the AuSable river near the US 27 bridge Friday afternoon and as the result is home from school with a severe cold. He wanted to see if the ice was strong enough to hold him when it cracked and he fell into the water over his head. Gary's brother, Jimmy, was nearby and pulled him out.

Fire resulting from the explosion of a kerosene stove caused quite a scare at the home of Robert Sorenson at the rear of the Quality Food Grocery store Saturday morning at 7:45 o'clock. Windows in the shed where the stove was located were broken and the walls charred and the stove ruined; besides smoke did a lot of damage to the walls in other parts of the home. The loss was covered by insurance.

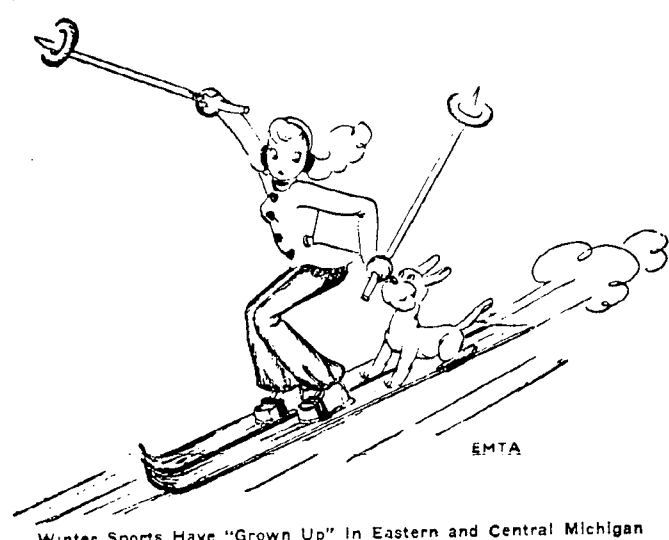
School was resumed Wednesday morning after the holiday vacation.
Mrs. Otto Cox was pleasantly surprised Saturday evening when several of her friends dropped in to spend the evening, and help her celebrate her birthday anniversary which fell on that day. Pinochle and bunco were the order of entertainment, after which a delicious pot luck lunch was served. The group presented Mrs. Cox with two lovely presents.

Our annual January clearance sale is on. Big reductions on dresses, skirts and hats.—Maureen Shoppe.
There was a heavy snowfall over the week end and flurries have continued intermittently since. It is estimated there is 16 inches of snow on the level at the present time. Temperatures have been hovering below freezing with the lowest on January 2nd of 4 above. The warmest it has been is 26 above, and today the

thermometer says 18 above. Highway plows have been kept busy keeping the highways open, and men have been busy with shovels keeping the streets open for traffic.

Public Notice

Beginning Dec. 12, I will be at the Town hall every Tuesday and Saturday thereafter, until Jan. 10, to collect township taxes.
Clare Madsen,
Treas. Grayling Twp.



Winter Sports Have "Grown Up" in Eastern and Central Michigan

Things used to be dull in the winter for many of the summer resort towns. "Guess we'll hole up for the winter" was a common expression among the natives. It's easy for an adult to loaf, but children have to keep busy to avoid mischief. So the city fathers flooded the winter skating areas, built primitive toboggan runs. They soon noticed, however, that child delinquency took a drop when winter sports were made available. When the child finished his skating, he was just too tired to think up any new ideas—so he went home to bed. The story was similar at Grayling. The slide on Johnson's hill was mostly "for the kids"—some of the local people grumbled at the mild expense of maintaining a slide for such a childish pastime.

But in helping the youngsters, adults became interested in themselves. When that happened, snow centers in eastern and central Michigan rapidly developed into facilities for both children and adults.

Now, almost every town of any size has a winter sports program. Some are local propositions and others attract enthusiasts from all over Michigan and out-state. Thousands take snow trains and buses. Motorists discovered that the Michigan Highway Department is very efficient in removing snow and ice from the highways. Resort towns learned it was possible to make their town a "four season playground" in fact as well as name.

Many Snow and Ice Carnivals
This year, many special festivals and carnivals are on the winter docket. Grayling is going in for a jamboree January 6-7 at which time major baseball players will gather to select a queen. This celebration will call attention to the half-million dollar improvement program now in progress at the park. The Michigan Department of Conservation is co-operating with the National Park Service who are directing the construction work. \$250,000 has already been expended for this year's improvements.

Entertainment is the keynote at Alpena. The Sixth Annual Winter Sports Carnival and Michigan Outdoor Speed Skating Championships are scheduled for January 20-22 inclusive. Events will get a real start January 20-21 when the best speed skating talent in Michigan will be brought together for the races. During the nine days of fun, 250 members of a professionally trained figure skating group will stage costume performances. Snow trains, hockey games and dances will round out the week.

At Cheboygan, each Sunday during the season, expert figure skaters will stage Mardi Gras Masquerades, Piñatas and a variety of other amusements. The dates for the usual 2-day festival are unannounced.

Tobogganing Remains Popular
The improvement program at the Silver Valley Winter Sports plant

CCC Camp News

CAMP HARTWICK PINES
V-2890th Company CCC,
SP-8 (Mich)

The Passing of Robert Fechner
The flag is at half-mast in Camp Hartwick Pines, as in camps of the CCC thruout the nation, in respect to the passing of the National Director of the CCC, who died in Walter Reid hospital after a short illness. However, life and work in the camp moves on without interruption and we are only remotely regretful of the passing of a man in high position who has done a good job. There will be memorial services, encomiums, and eulogies as a matter of course but few will realize at once that the CCC has come to a crossroad that may vitally affect the very spirit of the CCC, for the steadfast, direct and living faith of Robert Fechner in the inherent good in the individual underprivileged boy, is the very spirit of the CCC.

Robert Fechner, consuming interest in the welfare of the individual boy was born of his own boyhood struggles with life and his lifetime membership in the ranks of labor. He never changed his simple habits of living nor lost his intimate contact with the boys in the CCC. It is told how he would come to his office in Washington at the unearthly hour of 7:00 a. m. to begin his work for the day and how he tried to personally answer letters from boys in the CCC until he was overwhelmed. Not to be undone by the very magnitude of the great organization, he took determined steps to prevent a regimenting of the lives of the boys in the CCC by appointing an Assistant to the Director in each Corps Area. These were men of his own pattern, quiet, simple, shrewd and with great authority. Thus every boy in the CCC had direct and immediate access whenever he felt the need for it. When these men visited the camps, they talked to the boys personally and exhibited a canny ability to sense the spirit of the company. Over the period of its life, an organization of humane and high endeavor has developed that sets a new high in the history of the human race.

In his Christmas greeting to the men of the CCC, from his bed in the hospital, Robert Fechner expressed the words that reveal the deep and yearning spirit of this friend of boys and men who need help: "I only wish it were possible for me to talk with each one of you in person at this season of the year, when all of us look resolutely toward the future and derive renewed inspiration from the life of Him whose birthday we commemorate on Christmas."

NOTE—The passing away of Robert Fechner touched a tender spot with Mr. Harry C. Moffett, educational director of Camp Hartwick Pines, and the writer of the above tribute. These men were at one time close intimate friends and formed a co-friendship that had never faltered. Mr. Moffett is deeply depressed by the passing of this true friend, but scores of pleasant memories remain with him that he says he will never forget.

Holidays At Home

Approximately forty men of the company spent their holidays at home renewing old friendships and visiting their families.

Holidays In Camp

The Christmas season was enjoyed quietly, comfortably and happily by those remaining in camp. A thoughtful observance of the spiritual significance of Christmas was marked by special services conducted by Chaplain John Samuel and Rev. Father Moloney of Grayling. Many of the men attended services in Grayling churches. A beautifully lighted Christmas tree at the head of the company street warmed the hearts of the men with its significant message. Harry Vandervall and his able kitchen staff fulfilled their mission admirably with a wonderful Christmas dinner and another on New Year's day. The boys themselves rose to the occasion beautifully, by being on hand, every man neatly dressed and in happy, friendly spirit. Henry Wellman had prepared an attractive menu with the roster of names of members of the company, for each man to keep as a souvenir of Christmas day 1939 in Camp Hartwick Pines.

Roosting Tribe Found

One tribe of Chinese the Japanese can never conquer was described by Rev. H. M. Hutton of the Chinese Inland Mission on his return to Sydney, Australia. He declared there are 200 tribes in Kweichow province, each with its own language, writing and dress. The Black Miao tribe, he said, is the most remarkable. It was found in absolutely precipitous country and the members' homes are as inaccessible as the eagle's nest.

Highest Waterfall in Europe

Highest waterfall in Europe is the Cascade de Gavarnie in the French Pyrenees. It makes a single leap of 1385 feet without touching the rock wall over which it springs. This height is over eight times that of Niagara Falls.

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The Michigan Mirror

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Michigan Press Association

By GENE ALLEMAN

Lansing—The right of state government to fix prices was given a disturbing jolt here in a ruling by Judge Leland W. Carr of the Ingham county circuit court holding Michigan's so-called "fair trade" law to be unconstitutional.

Although the court opinion affected only the 1937 statute covering petroleum and bakery products, it indirectly casts a shadow over the 1939 milk price-fixing act, which is already under judicial scrutiny. This law is now in litigation seeking to test the right of the state to invade private industry in the ostensible interest of the public welfare.

Judge Carr's opinion will echo in the 1941 session of the Michigan state legislature. For if there was anything certain it is the likelihood that retail forces in the state will gird again for battle over fair trade legislation. The past two sessions have been battle scenes, and the 1941 round will be no exception.

What is all the shooting about anyway?
And where does the consumer come in?

NRA and Competition

The fair trade movement is an American hang-over from the idealistic NRA of 1933, the "Blue Eagle" child fathered by the United States Chamber of Commerce and mothered by the Roosevelt administration—a paradoxical couple!

To bounce the business chiseler, to prevent unfair competition and to assure everyone of a decent profit was the modest goal that the Blue Eagle sought to achieve. It was a nice idea at least, and everybody was for it as long as there was a chinaman's chance of it getting somewhere.

But when the United States supreme court unanimously knocked out the national recovery act as an unwarranted invasion of legislative rights, the American business man was left just where he was before—dependent upon himself to solve his business problems.

That is where fair trade legislation came in.

The motive was the same; the scene for action was merely transferred from Washington to Lansing; the state government, not the federal government, was to be the rescuing angel.

"Abridgment," Says Judge

The 1937 legislature received the fair trade orphan with sympathy.

Ideally, no one sheds a tear for the chiseler, the big bad man of the business world. The "rub" came in when legislators sought to decide how big the fair trade tent should be. When the cutting was all over, the big top was reduced to petroleum and bakery products which had maintained powerful lobbies supported by special contributions. Lawmakers decided that something had to be done in the name of fair trade; a "law" had to be passed, and so the measure was enacted.

Judge Carr of Lansing, however, doubted the wisdom of the act from the consumer's point of view as well as from the retailer's. He said in part:

"In the exercise of the police power the principle has been commonly recognized, and rather firmly established, that the public welfare is best served by freedom of competition, rather than by arbitrary curtailment. This is at least an abridgment of the right of the owner to fix his own selling price."

How About Milk?

The knock-out court opinion on the fair trade act also involved unofficially Michigan's new milk price-fixing law, passed in 1939.

Observers are wondering what Judge Carr would do if he were asked to rule on the constitutionality of this startling step of state government into private enterprise.

The milk act vested authority in local milk control boards to fix both producer and retail prices. Through a "check-off" system the expense of maintaining these boards was automatically provided for.

The state of New York was one of the first to experiment on price-fixing for milk producers and consumers. In a test case, the United States supreme court declared that, because of the element of public health, the state possessed police powers under the New York constitution to regulate milk prices.

But Michigan's constitution is a different document. It is being freely forecast in Lansing that the new milk price-fixing law will be declared unconstitutional. Except for the point of public health, Judge Carr's legal reasoning would seemingly apply also to the matter of milk prices.

Consumer

The experiment of the state government trying to fix prices for the consumer is not an isolated incident to Michigan.

It is a national trend in which is involved a new movement known as the "consumer movement."

If government is to look out for the organized interests of special groups, who is going to look out for the consumer?

Here again the problem has been taken to the United States supreme court. Legislatures in California and Illinois enacted laws which established minimum retail prices of manufactured products where the manufacturer entered into contract with the retailer. The California and Illinois laws were upheld, the court pointing out that the retailer could remove brand names from a price-fixed product and sell it without regard to the contract price provided he did not refer to the brand or its maker.

These fixing in minimum retail prices has been legalized by Congress through the Tydings-Miller amendment to the Sherman act.

While stabilizing prices of nationally advertised products, the act left a loop-hole for stores which could offer their own private non-advertised brands and thus undersell competitors. Actually the national chain drug interests appeared before a congressional committee at Washington in support of the minimum price bill.

That the result has been to increase retail prices for the consumer was the substance of a survey made by the R. H. Macy and Co., New York retail store. Average percentage price increases on branded items ranged from 8 per cent for cosmetics, 16 per cent for drugs, 17.6 per cent for books to 16 per cent for miscellaneous items.

Advertising Cost

It was inevitable that the cost of advertising should enter the fair trade picture.

Advertising costs have been a mystery to the average consumer. Hence it was timely when the Distribution Committee for the Twentieth Century Fund, a Filene enterprise, reported last fall that the total expenditure for advertising probably amounted to less than 3 per cent of the aggregate sum paid by the consumer. As the "American Consumer" magazine stated in December, the Fund study furnishes facts to affirm the opinion of the great bulk of American consumers that advertising in itself is a sound economic device, performing a valuable and profitable consumer service and is not an "economic waste" as has been charged.

Since the cost of advertising is a modest part of the consumer dollar and actually a means to effect lower prices through greater distribution and production—the automobile being a Michigan example—the fair trade problem simmers down to a question of what is best for the consumer, the great American public.

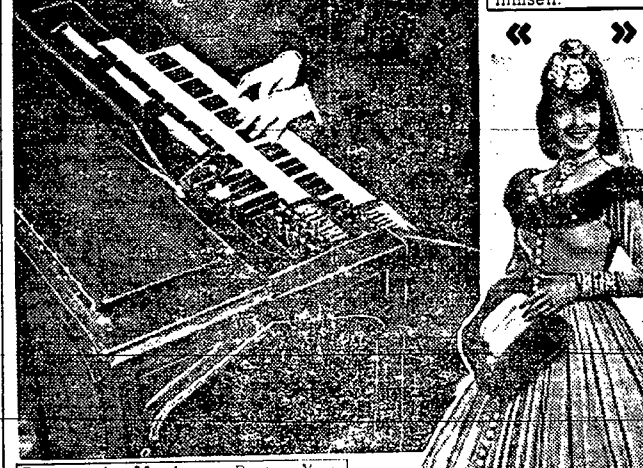
And that is food for thought.

The HEADLINES Say:



Child Sends Flag to Rulers
With Prayer for Peace
Barren Hill, Pa. — 12 year old Dolores Van Sant, saved up her pennies to buy flags in whose folds she enclosed a private prayer for peace, which she sent to world famous figures. The child has launched a campaign to have the flag put up in all homes.

Baby Gorilla Feeds Self
Meng, the baby gorilla recently presented to the London Zoo by the Belgian Government, is now settled comfortably in his new home and drinks from a bottle by himself.



Peace via Music — Pietro Yon, organist of the Vatican and St. Patrick's Cathedral, participated in ceremonies marking the formal opening of the new Hammond Organ Studios in New York City recently with a program based on the theme, "Peace and Tolerance in Music."

Lily Pons, glamorous Metropolitan Opera diva and concert star, introduces a vogue for "muffing" your evening ensemble. A tiny muff repeats the neckline of her favorite concert gown of blue velvet and sable. The rose-crowned toque is also sable.

15 PERCH LIMIT ON HOUGHTON LAKE

Houghton lake alone is affected by the reduction in the daily creel limit on perch from 25 to 15, under the new sport fishing law effective January 1, according to the fish division of the department of conservation.

On the Great Lakes and coned on Sunday and in the evening skating and dancing on Shoepack Lake, lighted by huge piles of pine stumps. Refreshments were served as 1940 was ushered in.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Evert of Grand Ledge entertained over the week end at their cabin on Shoepack Lake with their daughter Mrs. Bill Lourem and Mr. Lourem of Jackson. Quentin Evert had as his guests Miss Maxine Baribeau of Grand Ledge and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Bellwood of Ann Arbor. He and Mr. Bellwood are classmates at U. of M., Ann Arbor.

A CABIN IN THE NORTH WOODS

Dream of many a Michigan sportsman—a cabin in the north woods—may take shape some day as a consequence of the reversion to the state last November of more than two million acres of tax delinquent lands.

Already, inquiries concerning available tracts in good hunting territory are being received by the lands division of the department of conservation, designated by law to administer the reverted acreage.

The department is advising the writers that more time will be needed before determination can be made of lands which will be available to prospective purchasers. Deeds to the more than two million acres, now being turned over to the lands division by the auditor general, are being posted and locations indicated on maps—a monumental task in itself. Later, disposition of such reverted lands as will be incorporated in present or proposed state forests, game areas and refuges, and for other public uses, will be determined. Then, lands which individuals or groups of sportsmen may purchase must be appraised. The procedure will require several weeks to complete. The department is "informing" inquiring sportsmen that no description will be available before March 1 and that, in many instances, a longer time will be required to complete checks of availability. Purchasers of such lands will be required to make formal application to the lands division for auctioning of such tracts as they may be interested in, and sales will be made to highest bidders at auctions arranged by the department. The state reserves mineral rights on such lands.

Public Notice

COUNTY AND SCHOOL TAXES DUE

I will be in my office in the City Hall from December 1st to January 10th for the collection of county and school taxes.

There will be no penalty if paid by January 10th.

FLORENCE BUTLER,
City Treasurer.

Frederic Notes

Holiday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Barber were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Allen and son Dale, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Lodge and daughter, Carol, all of Bay City; Mr. and Mrs. Elton G. Barber of Flint; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dawson of Detroit; Mrs. Jesse Howe of Roscommon; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Downer of Luther; Miss Erma Raymond of Grayling, and Mr. Vance A. Horner.

Lloyd Welch returned Sunday morning after working a few months on the Great Lakes.

New Year guests at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Horner and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Krause were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cameron and sons, Robert and Stanley of Detroit; Wilfred Cameron of Washington, Mich.; Earl Dew of Pontiac, and Harry Horner of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. George Weinkauf and Miss Dorothy enjoyed Christmas with relatives and friends in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Leng and Mr. and Mrs. Ace Leng and family spent Christmas at Columbiaville, Michigan.

On Tuesday, Dec. 19, the Sunshine Sisters gave their annual Christmas party at the Communi-

ty hall. The early part of the evening was spent playing games and at 10 o'clock a delicious dinner was served to 50 guests. After dinner the ladies gave a fine program. The party ended by all singing Christmas carols.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Barber were New Year's Eve dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee.

Mrs. Albert Lewis and daughter Rose, of Big Bay, Mich., spent a few days visiting relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Harmer and family were guests over Christmas of the former's brother, Geo. Harmer and family, at Port Huron.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Madill and children are spending the week visiting at the Henry Shaw home in Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Berti and family of Roscommon were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Barber.

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